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VIENNA FOR IAEA

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING OCTOBER 2, 1974:

QUOTE: Q. WITHOUT TAKING YOU THROUGH EVERY STEP OF JOHN  
FINNEY'S STORY TODAY, LET ME ASK YOU A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS.

IN NEGOTIATING WITH EGYPT, IS EGYPT REQUESTING THAT ISRAEL'S  
DIMONA INSTALLATION, WHICH OF COURSE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH  
UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE, I THINK, BE PUT UNDER INTERNATIONAL  
SAFEGUARDS AND CONTROLS?

A. WELL, LOOK, I'LL SAVE A LOT OF YOUR TIME HERE, AND I'LL  
JUST TELL YOU THAT I CAN'T GO INTO THE COUNTERS IN THE  
NEGOTIATION, ANY OF THE ALLEGED OR REPORTED PROPOSALS.

THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE ON-GOING. AND WHEN THERE ARE AGREE-  
MENTS SIGNED, THEY WILL BE PRESENTED TO CONGRESS AS  
ORIGINALLY STATED. BUT I CAN'T GO INTO THE TERMS.

Q. LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING IN THE WAY OF POSSIBLE ASSIST-  
ANCE TO US. I UNDERSTAND UNDER SECRETARY SISCO TESTIFIED

AT LENGTH ON THE SUBJECT TO THE FRASER-HAMILTON SUBCOM-  
MITTEE.

A. THAT IS CORRECT.

Q. ON SEPTEMBER 16TH. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT HIS TESTI-  
MONY IS IN THE BUILDING. COPIES OF IT ARE HERE. I'D LIKE  
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TO ASK IF YOU WOULD PLEASE TRY TO FACILITATE RELEASE OR  
DISTRIBUTION, OR AT LEAST HAVE IT AVAILABLE, SPECIFICALLY  
BECAUSE I THINK SOME OF US WILL BE TRYING -- WILL BE  
WRITING ON THE SUBJECT AND IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE THE  
EXPERT TESTIMONY ON MR. SISCO.

A. WELL, LOOK, LET ME SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS AND I WILL  
DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP YOU. I REALIZE YOU HAVE A PROBLEM.

BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT TRANSCRIPTS OF CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS -- AND I AM NOT SURE THAT THIS WAS OPEN, I BELIEVE, WAS IT NOT?

Q. YES.

A. IN ANY EVENT, THOSE TRANSCRIPTS ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE COMMITTEE. WE GO OVER THEM FOR ACCURACY AND RETURN THE TRANSCRIPTS TO THE COMMITTEE. THEY TURN THEM OVER TO THE PRINTING OFFICE, AND IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO ISSUE THEM.

SO, WHILE I SEE YOU HAVE A PROBLEM AND I'D LIKE TO HELP, I CAN'T GO THAT FAR.

BUT LET ME PARAPHRASE FOR YOU WHAT I AM TOLD MR. SISCO SAID IN HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THAT COMMITTEE LAST SEPTEMBER 16TH.

HE STATED THAT ON THE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR REACTOR SALES TO THE MIDDLE EAST, HE SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ENDEAVORING TO OBTAIN ASSURANCES FROM THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES THAT FUTURE FACILITIES AND MATERIALS FURNISHED NOT ONLY BY THE UNITED STATES BUT AS WELL BY OTHERS, THAT SUCH FACILITIES WOULD BE UNDER SAFEGUARDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY.

THAT IS ABOUT WHAT I HAVE TO TELL YOU ON THE UNDER SECRETARY'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE HAMILTON-FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE. BUT I WILL CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION, THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH IN NEW YORK LAST WEEK PROPOSED THAT THE IAEA, INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, DRAFTED AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION THAT WOULD ENHANCE PHYSICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SECURITY AGAINST THEFT AND DIVERSION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES SHORTLY WILL BE OFFERING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO OTHER PRINCIPAL SUPPLIERS OF THIS MATERIAL, OTHER COUNTRIES, FOR STRENGTHENING SAFEGUARDS. AND IN THE PROPOSED AGREEMENTS WITH ISRAEL AND EGYPT, IN THESE AGREEMENTS THERE WOULD ALSO BE SET UP BILATERALLY AGREED PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES.

BUT, THAT IS THE BEST I CAN DO FOR YOU.

Q. I'M SORRY, I DON'T WANT TO DOMINATE OR TO BELABOR THIS SUBJECT, BUT CAN YOU TELL ME TWO THINGS. HAVE ANY OF THOSE PROPOSALS BEEN SUGGESTED YET? IN OTHER WORDS, HAVE

WE APPROACHED THE -- WAS IT IAEA?

A. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, WE HAVE NOT. I THINK THE PROPOSAL WAS -- THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL WAS TO THE IAEA, OF WHICH WE ARE A MEMBER, OF COURSE.

Q. YES. TO DRAFT LANGUAGE, POSSIBLY. BUT WE HAVEN'T -- ITS WORD WAS, WHEN HE SPOKE TO THE U.N., IS WHAT YOU ARE SAYING.

A. YES. I CAN'T TAKE IT BEYOND THAT. IT IS A PRETTY TECHNICAL SUBJECT. I JUST COULDN'T SAY WHETHER ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ARE BEING KICKED AROUND.

Q. THE OTHER THING I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU, AS THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN, IS WHETHER YOU CAN GIVE US SOME GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF HOW THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT AND ISRAEL ARE GOING AT THIS POINT?

A. WELL, AS YOU KNOW, WE PRESENTED THESE PROPOSED AGREEMENTS TO BOTH PARTIES THIS SUMMER. NEGOTIATIONS HAVE CONTINUED SINCE THEN WITH THE AEC AS THE MAIN INSTRUMENT ON THE AMERICAN SIDE IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

I HAVE ALREADY TOLD YOU I CAN'T GO INTO THE DETAILS, BUT HAVE ASSURED YOU THAT WHEN THE AGREEMENTS ARE COMPLETE, UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY WILL BE SUBMITTED AFTER SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE CONGRESS AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

WELL, LET ME JUST SAY THIS. I HAVE ALREADY SAID THAT PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN MADE AND THAT DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT EITHER PARTY HAS CHANGED ITS MIND ABOUT ITS DESIRE TO ACQUIRE THESE FACILITIES AND MATERIALS.

Q. EITHER PARTY -- COULD YOU REPEAT THAT?

A. HAS CHANGED ITS MIND ABOUT ITS INDIVIDUAL DESIRABILITY FOR CONTINUING ON THESE NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN AGREEMENT.

Q? DO I UNDERSTAND YOU CORRECTLY THAT THE DELIVERY OF THE REACTORS IS CONTINGENT UPON THEM AGREEING TO SAFEGUARDS WHICH ARE AGREEABLE TO US AND THE IAEA?

A. OH, I BELIEVE THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

A. IN OTHER WORDS, IF THEY DON'T AGREE, THEY DON'T GET IT.

A. WELL, NO. WE'VE TAKEN A VERY STRONG PRO-SAFEGUARD  
POSITION EVEN BEFORE THE NEGOTIATIONS STARTED, I BELIEVE.  
END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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